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### LETTERS



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AFTER FIVE MONTHS OF HORRIFYING N it was refreshing to escape briefly into world of Jamie Sale and David Pell and their quest for an Olympic gold medal [Feb. 25]. Their venture had everything: a talented, attractive pair of figure skaters reaching for their dream, an obstacle and finally (like the made-for-TV movie that will surely come) a storybook happy ending. I know they had a few difficult days, but their tale of triumph overcoming adversity was like a minivacation for this American's battered psyche.

LINDA COURTEMAR  
Royersford, Pennsylvania

WHILE I WON'T DISAGREE THAT corruption in Olympic judging needs to be seriously addressed, I question the decision to give the Canadian figure skaters a gold medal in addition to one won by the Russian pair Yekaterina Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze. It would have happened if the situation had been reversed and the Russians challenged the judges? Nothing, controversial resolution of awarding gold medals was obviously aimed at pleasing the American press and public and it reeked of cold war residue, rather symptomatic of the nationalistic attitudes that America has become.

NINA KOUPIR  
Winnipeg, Canada

SALE AND PELLETIER ARE TO BE congratulated on the professional way they handled the unfortunate judging decision. The proper outcome should have been for the Russian pair to concede gold and accept the silver medal. Naturally, this did not happen. It is time to clean up Olympic judging. Athletes

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